

### Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, considering the rejection of claims 1-10 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, claim 1 has been amended to narrow the scope of the compounds by restricting R<sup>2</sup> to hydrogen or lower alkyl; restricting R<sup>3</sup> to optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted amino; and deleting optionally substituted aryl and optionally substituted heteroaryl from the definition for R<sup>4</sup>. Applicants take the position that the scope of thus amended claim 1 is supported by the present specification, especially considering Table 8 therein.

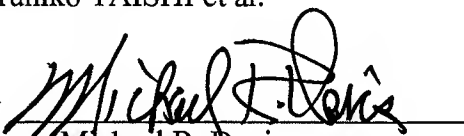
Conforming amendments have been made in claims 5-7, in view of the amendments to claim 1.

Applicants take the position that in view of these amendments, the rejection of the claims under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn, placing the application in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

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